

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: September 8, 2011

**SUBJECT: Proud Parenting Program Update and
Establishing an Executive Steering Committee**

AGENDA ITEM: E

RESOURCE PERSON: Oscar E. Villegas

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

Summary: In 2009 this Board approved funding recommendations made by the Proud Parenting Program Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to support ten (10) grant programs and these grants expire June 30, 2012. This agenda item serves to provide the Board with an update on the Proud Parenting Program and seek Board feedback for the next Request for Proposals (RFP) tentatively scheduled to be released in early 2012. This item further requests authorization for the establishment of an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development of the RFP.

Background: Known previously as the Young Men as Father's (YMAF) program while it was administered by the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), the Proud Parenting Program is an administratively established local assistance grant program which offers parenting education programs targeted primarily at young people under the supervision of the criminal justice system. The program is intended to provide parenting skills designed to break the inter-generational cycle of violence and delinquency. While this program was originally intended to serve a population within DJJ, over the last few years this same population has been largely realigned to the local level. With the new responsibilities we will assume as the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), effective July 1, 2012, and the continuously changing landscape to California's local juvenile system staff wants to be sure this grant program continues to support this population at the local level. Staff believes that while keeping within the spirit of the use of these funds, it also is important that the next RFP requirements should more closely align with local priorities. It is particularly important that we partner with the local juvenile justice agencies to support the local public safety obligations yet include some flexibility to support the host of other complex issues associated with local realignment.

The grant program currently provides \$835,000 in state funds to nine (9) distinct programs - one local probation department and eight (8) community-based organizations. One of the original ten (10) CBO's decided to forfeit their grant funds because of the uncertain fiscal climate.

In addition to the recommended action below staff intends to provide the Board with an update of the data supplied by the program managers and project participants for the first two years of the program. We hope to present the program evaluation results in terms of program completion rates, the degree of improvement in participant knowledge and skills, and the effects of the programs on outcome measures. To date nearly 800 young adults between the ages of 14 and 25 have received Proud Parenting Program services such as parenting education, stress and anger management classes, early childhood development education, and other services aimed at breaking the inter-generational cycle of violence and delinquency.

Next Steps: Assuming support for the recommended action, CSA Staff will incorporate Board feedback from the presentation as the framework for the new RFP and will move expeditiously to establish an ESC to oversee its development. Staff anticipates bringing the draft RFP to the Board for review in early 2012.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Following an update on the Proud Parenting Program staff is requesting the CSA Board authorize staff to establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to guide the development of the new Request for Proposals (RFP).

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